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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the information identified in the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of the prior art reference is enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance of the non-English language reference is found in the partial translation of the publication, including abstract. (Japanese language references with translated abstract. See MPEP §609 A(3)).

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